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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER

Sir:

OFFICIAL TOO This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 6, 2001. The original period of response to the Office Action was a shortened statutory period of three (3) months from the mailing date. Accordingly, a Response to the Office Action is due on or before March 6, 2002, and this Amendment is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please note that this Response is being submitted in a form required under amended rule 37 C.F.R. 1.121. Accordingly, one (1) sheet containing the marked-up claims corresponding to the substituted claim and one (1) sheet containing the marked-up specification corresponding to the substituted specification is attached hereto.

<u>AMENDMENTS</u>

Please amend the Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 1, please delete paragraph 2, lines 7-10, and insert therefore:

-- This is a continuation application of co-pending U.S. Patent Application No. 09/294,215, now

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